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SUBJ: THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER INCIDENT

REF: BANGKOK 12564

1. FROM THE BORDER PATROL POLICE OUR MAN GOT THE FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT ON THE THAI-CAMBODIAN
BORDER: THE THAI HAVE LOGGED 41 INTRUSIONS BY THE CAMBODIANS
INTO THAILAND IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF MONTHS, AND THE
CAMBODIANS PLANTED LAND MINES AND PUNGI STICKS TWO TO THREE
KILOMETERS INTO THAI TERRITORY.

2. IN EARLY JUNE TWO BPP TROOPERS WERE KILLED WHEN THEY
STEPPED ON A LAND MINE. AFTER THIS INCIDENT THE TWO SIDES
BEGAN WORKING OUT AN AGREEMENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT SHOOT
AT EACH OTHER AND THAT THE CAMBODIANS WOULD
REMOVE THEIR LAND MINES AND PUNGI STICKS IN THAI TERRI-
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TORY.

3. THE AGREEMENT WAS TO BE RATIFIED AT A BORDER MEETING ON JUNE 25. HOWEVER, ON JUNE 24 AT 0600 A GROUP OF CAMBODIANS OPENED FIRE ON SOME BPP AT THABODAN PASS, PRASAT DISTRICT, SURIN. FIGHTING LASTED THREE HOURS AND RESULTED IN SEVEN CAMBODIANS KILLED. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY THAI CASUALTIES.

4. A BPP PLATOON WAS SENT TO THE AREA JUNE 25 AND AN ADDITIONAL PLATOON JUNE 26. AS OF JUNE 29 NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO SEND ANY RTA TROOPS HERE.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS THAT THIS WAS A BORDER INCIDENT OF MODERATE SERIOUSNESS, BUT ONE THAT THE THAI ARE TAKING PRETTY MUCH IN STRIDE.

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